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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram from Prince Sihanouk thanking the President for the U.S. declaration on Cambodia's borders

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram, and translation thereof, from Prince Norodom Sihanouk to the President, expressing Sihanouk's thanks for the United States border declaration and his view that resumption of normal relations should follow in the near future. Sihanouk's message has just been published in Phnom Penh.

Although Sihanouk's message is an acknowledgement of the U.S. declaration and does not, therefore, require an answer, we think it would be useful for the President to send the enclosed reply. A reply will gratify Prince Sihanouk and will provide a prompt response to Sihanouk's renewed overtures for the resumption of diplomatic relations. (We expect to consult the Australian Government Monday about the dispatch of an FSO to Phnom Penh under their auspices to make preliminary administrative arrangements for the reopening; assuming that the Australians raise no objection we shall inform the RKG of our intentions a few days later.)

John P. Walsh
John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Telegram from Prince Sihanouk
2. Translation of Prince Sihanouk's Telegram
3. Suggested reply to Prince Sihanouk's Telegram

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The President
The White House

Mr. President:

I have just received, through His Excellency the Ambassador of Australia to Cambodia, the text of the declaration by which the United States recognizes and respects the present frontiers of the Kingdom of Cambodia. In the name of the Khmer people and in my own name, I must express to you, Mr. President, as well as to your government and to the great American people, our sincere gratitude for this act of justice and equity by the United States of America toward Cambodia. The resumption of normal relations between our two countries--a resumption which will follow in the near future the decision of the United States to recognize our frontiers--will open the way, I hope, to mutual understanding and good future relations between Cambodia and the United States of America.

I know, moreover, that this is also your desire, and I must thank you especially for the decision that you have just made which will permit this normalization hoped for by both sides. I beg you, Mr. President, to accept the assurances of my very high consideration.

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Norodom Sihanouk
Chief of State of Cambodia

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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